

ICSD TENNIS RANKINGS GUIDELINES



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1 Introduction

The ICSD Tennis Rankings have been created and modified especially for ICSD Tennis with the help of the Rankings in WTA (Women's Tennis Association), ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) and the ATP World Team Championships.

The Singles and Doubles Rankings will be created, actualised and published separately by gender and competition at the end of each calendar year by the ICSD Technical Director (TD) Tennis.

In the following the word "player" is to be equated with male player and female player. Differences specific for gender are to be renounced.

2 Eligibility for Inclusion

2.1 Number of Tournaments

In order to achieve the Ranking a player must earn points from a minimum of one (1) international, from ICSD approved tournaments over a four calendar year period.

2.2 Approved Tournaments for the Ranking Assessment

To fulfil the purpose of the ranking rules, the following competitions are recognised (in singles as well as in doubles) by the ICSD:

- **Summer Deaflympics**
- **ICSD Open Tennis Championships**
- **Regional Championships**
- **National Championships**

All tournaments listed above except the ICSD Open Tennis Championships and National Championships take part every 4 years.

All Open Tennis Championships shall be sanctioned by ICSD for ranking points only. Host country must submit World Championships application form 6 months ahead of time. Application form can be found under World Championships Regulations on www.deaflympics.com website.

2.2.1 Results Submission

- Host country is responsible to submit Open Tennis Championships results to ICSD TD Tennis within two (2) months.
- Regional is responsible to submit Regional Championships tennis results to ICSD TD Tennis within two (2) months.
- National Deaf Sports Federation is responsible to submit National Championships tennis results to ICSD TD Tennis within two (2) months.

3 Applicability to Approved Tournaments

Every player who owns a valid player's passport at a national deaf sports federation may take part in the tournaments which are approved by the ICSD. If the ICSD Technical Regulations in Tennis and the international valid rules of ITF (International Tennis Federation) are obeyed, all results of these competitions which have been confirmed by the respective tournament organisations with valid signature are to be put down in the Rankings by the ICSD TD Tennis. Tournament points for a played tournament are determined only in the concerning rounds whose number is listed in the point table (see 4.1.2). Other matches in the rounds which are not covered in the point table completely are not counted as a carried out tournament and also not as played tournament points.

4 ICSD Tennis Ranking

4.1 The Ranking System

The ICSD Tennis Rankings are a worldwide valid Ranking for women and men in single and double competitions in Tennis. It is a Ranking system which shows the achievements of the players with the help of the tournament points from the direct match in tabular form.

The results serve to return the highest Ranking points of the player in the time of the last four calendar years. The Ranking evaluation determines the admission of the player in the draw and in the seeding list for the concerning tournament.

The ICSD Tennis Rankings is acquired electronically (by computer) and published by the ICSD TD Tennis. The latest Tennis Ranking will be posted on www.deaflympics.com website.

4.1.1 Ranking Structure

The ICSD Tennis Ranking will be structured by following schemata:

No.	FAMILY NAME, First Name	Nationality	Tournament Points	Ranking Points
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The Ranking points are always the whole sum of the tournament points.

The structure of this Ranking is the same for singles as well as for doubles.

4.1.2 Tournament Points for Singles and Doubles

Category of Tournament	W	R	3rd	SF	QF	R16	R32	R64
Summer Deaflympics (64)	200	150	100	80	60	40	20	10
Summer Deaflympics (32)	150	100	80	60	40	20	10	
Summer Deaflympics (16)	100	80	60	40	20	10		
ICSD Open Tennis Championships (64)	100	80	60	40	20	10	7	5
ICSD Open Tennis Championships (32)	80	60	40	20	10	7	5	
ICSD Open Tennis Championships (16)	60	40	20	10	7	5		
ICSD Open Tennis Championships (8)	40	20	10	7	5			
Regional Deaf Tennis Championships (64)	70	45	25	15	10	7	5	2
Regional Deaf Tennis Championships (32)	45	25	15	10	7	5	2	
Regional Deaf Tennis Championships (16)	25	15	10	7	5	2		
Regional Deaf Tennis Championships (8)	15	10	7	5	2			
National Deaf Tennis Championships (64)	30	20	15	10	7	5	2	1
National Deaf Tennis Championships (32)	20	15	10	7	5	2	1	
National Deaf Tennis Championships (16)	15	10	7	5	2	1		
National Deaf Tennis Championships (8)	10	7	5	2	1			

Note:

- The tournament points of the preceding rounds will **not be added** with the tournament points of the finished round, but the tournament points will award only for the finished round to the player!
- National Deaf Tennis Championships points will be awarded only once and the points will be based on the last national championships event held.

Explanation to the abbreviations:

R64 = Round 64

W = Winner
 R = Runner-Up
 SF = Semifinal
 QF = Quarterfinal
 R16 = Round 16
 R32 = Round 23

Notice to the table:

The number in the brackets in the first column concerns the name of the round, in which the players play with the respective tournament.

4.1.3 General Rules for Singles and Doubles

4.1.3.1 Ranking

The players are listed on the basis of his/her whole point score in Singles and Doubles Ranking.

4.1.3.2 Eligibility

The players have to take part in at least one (1) valid tournament within four (4) years so that he/she can be taken up in the Ranking evaluation.

For players who are less than 14 years old, an appropriated application together with the medical certificate signed by the doctor, consent explanation of the parents, and permission from national deaf sports federation are submitted, the ICSD TD Tennis will decide over the admission of the player. If the ICSD TD Tennis has decided for this player the point assignment is valid.

If a player plays single or double during a tournament and fulfils the age eligibility rule, the points which he has acquired will be awarded to him for the respective Ranking.

4.1.3.3 Byes

If a player receives one or several byes and loses her first played match, this player gets only the tournament points from the lost first round.

If a player receives one or several byes and does not line up in the next round, no tournament points will be awarded to him and he is not allowed to play other tournament matches.

4.1.3.4 Disciplinary Reprimands

A disciplinary reprimand is covered by an upper referee or by the ICSD TD Tennis to a player if this player has not followed the ICSD Technical Regulations in Tennis and ITF rules before or during the tournament.

A player, who has received a disciplinary reprimand in a round except the first round, after he has played and won a match, receives tournament points.

Players, which get a disciplinary reprimand during the tournament, before they play her first match, get no points.

4.1.3.5 Cancellations

If the tournament should be cancelled due to the bad weather and not be carried out any more.

If the match, which has been begun and however should be broken off before the tournament has been finished, the players get tournament points.

In addition to it, if the first round has been concluded completely, all players get their tournament points which they have reached during the last complete round and the tournament has been counted as played.

If a tournament should be officially broken off and the final matches could not be carried out completely, the finalists get tournament points only for the semi-final.

4.1.3.6 Delays

The player, who appears late to a tournament, before he plays his/her first match, gets no tournament points.

If he had played previous matches and appears late to the next match (see ICSD Technical Regulations in Tennis), he gets no tournament points for this match.

4.1.3.7 Withdrawals

If a player has played his/her match and then withdrawns only after the end of the first set because of injury or illness, he/she gets tournament points for this match.

The winner of this match receives tournament points.

4.1.3.8 Defaults

If a player doesn't line up a match due other reasons than described in 4.1.3.7, he gets no tournament points for this match and he is not allowed to play further matches.

4.1.3.9 Equal Point Score

If two or several players have the same Ranking point score, the position is decided according to the following rules:

- The player with most tournament participation within four years is preferred.

If these conditions should apply, nevertheless, with both or several players, then the Ranking position is arranged alphabetically after the surname.

4.1.3.10 Point Assignment

Players get tournament points for the highest round, which they have reached.

Registrations and seeding lists are carried out after the highest order of rank.

4.2 Validity for the Draw and the Seeding List

4.2.1 Singles

The ICSD Tennis Singles Ranking is fixed for the draw and the seeding list of the respective tournament and may not be changed from the day of the draw until the end of the tournament.

4.2.2 Doubles

For doubles an arrangement of the double partners which have announced for the tournament must be put up with the help of her own order of rank in the Doubles Ranking as an overview descending of their common Ranking position.

This overview is valid for the draw and seeding list of the double tournament and is fixed.

5 Actualisation of the Rankings

The ICSD Tennis Singles and Doubles Rankings will be updated at every end of the year by the ICSD TD Tennis.

Because of the constantly bigger number of the Ranking points the tournament points for all players performed in the Rankings will be reduced all 4 years in the end of the year of the Deaflympic Games on an adequate minimum.

For this the following rule must be complied:

The tournament points of the last-placed player in the Rankings will be reduced with the point number that at last 20 points remain to the last-placed player.

Then this thereby ascertained point number is used with all players from first-placed up to the pre-last player for the reduction.

In addition, tournament points from the tournaments, which are older than 4 years from the actual Ranking time, will be cancelled.

The order of players in these Rankings remains completely unchanged.

6 Finishing of the Point Assignments

The tournament management or the upper referee is obliged to put down the tournament points on a presentation, prepared by ICSD TD Tennis, electronically for every tournament participant after the end of the tournament, to sign and to hand them together with all other tournament results over to the ICSD TD Tennis.

The ICSD TD Tennis checks the registrations and updates the Ranking with the help of this information.

7 Further Informations

Inquires as well as further informations according to the ICSD Tennis Ranking system can be forwarded to the ICSD TD Tennis.

Contact address for ICSD Technical Director of Tennis can be found in the internet under the following link: <http://www.deaflympics.com/about/contact.asp?ID=TD>

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